Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of Avon Dassett Parish Council
Monday 6th August 2018 at The Reading Room.

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm

1) PRESENT: Trevor Gill, Mike Blakeman, Martyn Heard, Darrell Muffitt from 8.05pm, John Fielding

   APOLOGIES: Clerk (Prior commitment), Councillor Chris William (Health), Liz Hirst

2) DECLARATION OF INTERESTS: None

3) CONFIRM MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: Confirmed: Proposed Trevor Gill, seconded Martyn Heard

4) QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC: None

5) MATTERS ARISING:

Community

a) Burial Ground - Nothing to report

b) Community Policing / Neighbourhood Watch – Trevor Gill reported that he has advised the local police that a white van was seen on private land in the village and the registration number has been reported.

c) Playground – Trevor Gill confirmed that he had undertaken the inspections of the play area.

   i. The new picnic bench has been purchased and erected

   ii. The totem pole will be taken down **- Action: Trevor to arrange**

   iii. The perimeter fence needs repair **- Action: Trevor to undertake repairs**

   iv. The old bench is beyond repair and will be removed **- Action: Trevor to arrange**

   v. The playground equipment needs repainting and the paint has been purchased. This work will be done after the school holidays

The Clerk has been notified that the play area will be subject to its annual inspection, by RoSPA, in September or October 2018.

d) Superfast Broadband – We continue to chase the CSW project for delivery dates but so far no information has been made available. Trevor is still looking into the possibility of an alternate method of delivering broadband to the village.

e) Post Office - Nothing to report

f) Village Communications and website – Nothing to report

g) War memorial – Trevor is progressing this and will register the memorial with the appropriate bodies once information regarding the installation of the memorial at the present site is available. **- Action: Trevor to progress**

h) Community website – Nothing to report

i) Reading Room – refurbishment. We have now received quotes for the repainting of the windows and the outside of the building. Darrell to liaise with the contractors to ensure that the work is scheduled. Mike requested a list of the names of residents who have been trained in the use of the defibrillator and this will be made available to councillors. The toilets in the Reading Room need redecoration and the toilet and wash basin need replacing. **Action: Trevor to obtain an estimate for this work.**

j) 100th anniversary of end of WW1 - There will be an event to be held in Farnborough Village hall on 9 November and once available details will be circulated. We are not aware of any other events to commemorate this event.

k) Cemetery Car park – The fence between the cemetery car park and the fields needs attention. Trevor has spoken to the Graham Nichols and it is proposed that we replace then fence and incorporate a gate so that we can better control the access to the car park. This gate can be opened to allow the sheep access and closed securely when necessary. **Action: Trevor to obtain quotes for the materials.**

l) UBUS – We have recently received details of the UBUS dial-a-ride community transport service operating in Stratford District. These details have been uploaded onto the community website, are attached in appendix 2 and will be placed on the Parish Council notice board.

Roads: Traffic, Roads and Drains (Church Hill)

m) The 30 mph sign near Orchard End is broken and has been reported to Warwickshire Highways. There have been major issues for a small number of properties at the top of the village as a result of work being undertaken by Severn Trent Water. One property has been without water for a number of weeks. Trevor is in touch with Severn Trent to ensure that supply is returned as soon as possible. **Action: Trevor to write to John Fielding giving details of the issue.**

Environment/Maintenance

Communication/Administration

6) COUNCIL REPORTS – Reports have been received from County Councillor Chris Williams and District Councillor John Feilding and these are in appendices 3 and 4

7) CORRESPONDENCE: Electronic copies were distributed before the meeting. Paper copies were distributed at the meeting.

8) PLANNING (Declarations of interests):

Decision: 18/01318/TPO Lime Cottage arboreal work: Consent for arboricultural work.

We have received an email from Stratford Upon Avon District Council regarding the GLH local Traffic Survey. Mike confirmed that no further actions are required by us at the present time.

9) FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Payments:	*6.8.18*	*Thomas Fox (Inv 24739)*	*£373.20*
	6.8.18	*Hide-Wright (July expenses)*	*£ 12.90*
	6.8.18	*T. Gill (Picnic Bench refund)*	*£204.99*
	6.8.18	*MJB Glazing & Fascias*	*£725.37*
	6.8.18	*T. Gill (D. Hicks Village Flower Tubs)*	*£157.10*
	6.8.18	*P. Coughlan (Painting RR)*	*£2,250.00*
	6.8.18	*Thomax Fox (Inv 24894)*	*£ 373.20*
		Total Payments	**£4,096.76**

Income: 16.7.18	Open Gardens (for village flower tubs)	£158.85
Asset Register: Addition:	Play area picnic bench	£204.99

10) Avon Dassett Parish Council Grant Applications – It was recently agreed that Avon Dassett Parish Council would develop a Grants Policy and an Application Form and these have been circulated to councillors. Trevor requested that this be formally adopted. Agreed Mike Blakeman, seconded Martyn Heard. They will be reviewed on an annual basis in the same manner as all of our other procedures and standing orders.

11) MEMBER REPORTS: Trevor reported that the Dassett Country Show was a success and that feedback has been very positive. The financial results should be available in time form the next meeting.

A discussion took place regarding the recent email received requesting a response to a consultation on the Rural Economy being undertaken by NALC. Darrell expressed the view that the consultation should be forward looking and seeking to identify the future issues and how they can be resolved. Darrell agreed to contact NALC and will report back.

12) DATE OF MEETINGS in 2018: 3rd Sept, 1st Oct, 5th Nov, 3rd Dec 2018.

Appendix 1: FINANCIAL STATEMENT August 2018, Avon Dassett Parish Council:

Balance at close of business 31st July 2018

Current Account	£	11,001.58
Savings Account	£	12,836.58* Ring fenced funds and interest received.

Bank Transactions

Current Account		**Chq/SO/DD/TRF/FPI**	**In**	**Out**
3 July 18	Thomas Fox 24487	FPO		373.20
3 July 18	Hide-Wright Exp	TFR		20.10
3 July 18	T. Gill RR lock	FPO		62.22
16 July 18	Open Gardens	FPI	158.85	
20 July 18	Hide-Wright July Sal	SO		311.52
20 July 18	Npower July	DD		31.00
24 July 18	Warks Pension Fund	SO		95.56

Deposit Account	**In**	**Out**
9 July 18	0.49	

Payments Authorised From The Meeting

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New Balances for Ring Fenced Funds:

Description	**Amount**
Neighbourhood Watch	£ 185.00
St John's Steps Appeal Funds	£ 86.19
I.T. Equip & Software	£ 550.19
Play area lease	£ 200.00
Reading Room Maintenance	£ 8,810.00
Playground	£ 250.00
Parish Plan	£ 2,000.00
Village Cemetery	£ 275.00
Village Maintenance	£ 230.00
Defibrillator	£ 250.00
Total	**£12,836.38**

Appendix 2

UBUS – Community Transport Service

UBUS is a dial-a-ride community transport service operating within Stratford District.

UBUS is available to anyone in the district who struggles to access public transport due to mobility issues, health problems or who lives in an area with no, or infrequent, public transport.

Passengers can travel between 9:30am and 2:30pm.

UBUS will collect passengers from their door, drop them off at their destination, pick up again at the agreed point and drop off back at home. Drivers can assist passengers to get on & off the bus and will help with up to 3 shopping bags or a trolley if necessary.

All UBUS vehicles can accommodate a wheelchair.

Depending on where residents live in the district a single journey costs £2.10, £2.70 or £3.40. Return journeys £4.20, £5.40 or £6.80.

Residents living in an Orbit property are eligible for a £0.60 discount on their journey.

Journeys need to be booked in advance. Passengers can book up to seven days in advance.

UBUS provides transport in different parts of the district on specific days.

- West of Stratford - Operates on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays
- East of Stratford – Operates on Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays
- South of Stratford – Operates on Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays
- Stratford Town - Operates on Mondays to Fridays
- Southam & Surrounding area – Operates on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays

UBUS can be used to visit friends, attend social groups, leisure activities or go shopping. It cannot be used to attend medical appointments.

Residents interested in registering with the service should ring 01789 264491.

For further information contact Marie Darwen at Stratford District Council on 01789 260 108.

UBUS is supported by Stratford District Council, Warwickshire County Council and Stratford Town Trust.

Appendix 3

Avon Dassett Parish Council 6th August 2018
County Councillor's Report
Councillor Chris Williams

Administration - The spell of hot weather together with the national confusion over our future with Europe and Brexit has led to a period of inactivity at the County Council. June's Cabinet Agenda concerned itself solely on two items with the supply of extra Secondary School places required to meet the demand as a result of the extra housing across the County. Primary School places are also showing a short-term problem as the bulge in pupil numbers moves into Secondary Education. Some schools are beginning to realise the effects of their decision to go to Academy status as County Council support decreases.

The Cabinet also discussed the interface between Social Services and Health. A much awaited Green Paper is expected from the government before the Summer recess. As always funding of both services will prove to be the biggest area of concern.

Community Forum - A recent Community Forum meeting had two major topics. Jeff Morris, Locality Team Leader in Highways, gave an interesting presentation on the Process and Problems in getting Highways repairs completed under the present Balfour Beatty contract. The other topic was a presentation on flood prevention and responsibility for maintaining ditches and water courses. The first highway verge cuts have been completed and in some areas the contractor had to revisit where they had not performed satisfactorily.

Appendix 4

Councillor John Feilding
Report 16 July 2018

Overview and Scrutiny Committee's Task and Finishing Group.

We will be reviewing the work and developing a revised Social Inclusion Statement and priorities for the period 2018-2023.

Stratford-on-Avon District Social Inclusion Partnership developed the Stratford-on-Avon Social Inclusion Statement (SIS) in August 2014 working up and commissioning research 'Measuring Social Exclusion in Stratford-on-Avon District undertaken by Warwickshire Observatory. The Partnership interpreted this research to agree priority areas and interventions which informed the social inclusion work undertaken by the Communities Team between 2014 and 2017.

The Statement priorities need to be reviewed to reflect the current climate however there is no cost-effective option to re-commission the research with more recent data. The aim of the committee is to establish social inclusion objectives and priorities, as broadly identical to the existing priorities in both thematic and geographical contexts using quantitative and qualitative data.

The Social isolation work within Stratford-upon-Avon town that we are undertaking are:

- Isolation and wellbeing work amongst older members of the community in areas of Stratford-upon-Avon

Monitoring, impact measurement and creating greater understanding.

- Develop a core group of partners to monitor the progress of social inclusion work and monitor the impact.

- Research into the impacts of rural isolation and options for targeted work to reduce this.

Boosting the alternatives to high cost credit

- Cross Cutting Priority - Support to credit unions to re-establish accessible financial services into District.

Working alongside older people and associated organisational community groups across the district, to identify need and provide information, support and services.

The other areas that were discussed where rural transport and Affordable Homes.

Wellesbourne Airfield has now become an important issue within the council as reported in the Herald. Although this does not directly affect The Red Horse Ward a large number of jobs could be lost if the airfield was sold for housing.

ORBIT
The main director came to a meeting of the council. As usual, we heard the same comments about building new homes and developing communities. I am afraid that this is not good

enough as communities in the rural area are just as important and they should not be selling off vacant properties.

The service charge issue is still alive and are subject to Orbits lawyers report on the matter.
MEETING JERMY WRIGHT

I and an other District Councillor had a meeting with the MP. The discussion ranged from local Transport to cross boarder CCG matters. The stumbling block with all these matters are the County Boundary. It is hoped that these matters can be resolved